

# SHE SAW 'COOL' MANKILL MRS. ELEANOR MILLS

her to-day and the result is given below.

The story of Mrs. Gibson will be embroidered and elaborated, but in effect it is simple and was stated more or less fully yesterday's New York Herald. The trouble with it is that Mrs. Gibson, though the authorities hold differently and say the affidavit is to the contrary, did not state positively that she can identify the second woman of the party of four that she saw, the first being Mrs. Mills. She sidesteps this question every time and even Beckman and Stricker realize that a clever cross-examination could put her out of business in no time, just as they would be able to drive a horse and wagon through the rather flimsily drawn affidavit she is understood to have signed. Hence the urgent need for corroborative evidence that the State troopers and others think will be forthcoming within a day or so.

But until there is an arrest or some action is taken by Mr. Mott and his chief assistant, Detective James A. Mason, who was here for a few hours to-day and departed for Newark to tell his chiefs what he found out, Mrs. Gibson will continue to be the chief figure in the mystery. She is an intensely interesting person with a common sense that is rare and a reasoning quality not often met with. It is a pleasure to talk to her.

## Mrs. Gibson Tells of Murders.

Mrs. Jane Gibson, the unusually picturesque woman of the farm near the spot at which the murders were found and who is said to have been an eyewitness to the shooting of Hall and Mrs. Mills, gave a lengthy interview to-day to a woman investigator for THE NEW YORK HERALD in which she made the first open statements regarding what she had seen on the fateful night of September 14. To this woman investigator she unfolded to a certain extent some of the panorama of murder which passed before her startled eyes as she sat astride a shaggy mule on a road some two miles from the scene of the tragedy where the murders were being enacted.

"I hold the key to the whole solution," she said, "I saw it done," she said to the investigator.

"You did actually see it done?" she was asked, and replied: "Yes, I saw it done."

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While in Somerville, Mass., was questioned whether Mrs. Gibson would be questioned and he replied: "Oh! certainly." He stated further that none of the witnesses could be called for examination to-day, and that Deputy Attorney-General Mott had remained in Newark to clear up his personal business before undertaking the actual work of the Hall-Mills case. Then he left by automobile with the troopers for New Brunswick.

## Party Back in New Brunswick.

Some time later, longer than it should take a car to make the trip to New Brunswick without any stop, the party arrived in New Brunswick and immediately, without seeing anyone or making any comment, Mason took the first train for Newark to confer with Mott. At the same time some of the State troopers hurried to Trenton for a conference with Col. Swain, returning here later in the day.

Both prosecutors disappeared and for a time it looked as though things were about to break up. The woman who came the information regarding the statement of Mrs. Gibson identifying two of the four persons she saw at the Phillips farm, and that she had also positively identified the woman who screamed to the man who did the shooting, calling him by his first name.

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# MILLS CAN SEE ONLY HALL AS MURDER URGE

## Jealousy He Feels Sure Prompted Slayer, Who Lured His Wife to Phillips Farm—Still Has Faith in Rector Despite Letters and Diary.

Special Dispatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD.

NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J., Oct. 25.—To-night Jimmie Mills sat alone in the kitchen of his apartment at 49 Cartman street and in conversation with a reporter for THE NEW YORK HERALD discussed the questions of the Hall-Mills killing up to date, especially dealing with letters that Hall wrote to his wife and her replies. Even to-night Jimmie has a slight doubt about the letters, not that they are not genuine, for he is convinced of that, but that there was anything between Hall and Mrs. Mills that could be characterized as "improper."

You know I never knew or suspected a single thing wrong of Hall," he said earnestly. "If I had even had an inkling of what was going on you can bet your sweet life that I'd have gone to the church and exposed the whole thing. If that didn't do any good I'd have gone to the Bishop and there'd be some action and it wouldn't go on a week, much less a year or more than that."

## Mills Gives His Views.

Then he went on to elaborate on his theories, saying: "You know when they took the clothes off the bodies the first time after they had found them, they didn't even know that my wife's throat was cut, when the whole head was nearly hacked away from her spine. That wouldn't look like blackmail."

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pursued by Prosecutors Beckman and Stricker since September 15, when the bodies of the murdered rector and choir singer were found.

Aside from the direct investigation looking to apprehension of the murderer or murderers, Mr. Mott will endeavor to learn the reason for failure to mention the slaying of Mrs. Mills' throat in the original medical report upon her death. The fact that no mention was made of this incident is one that has not yet been satisfactorily cleared up.

Mott and Mason are paying much attention to the possibility that Mr. Hall on the night of the murder had decided to terminate his relations with Mrs. Mills because of the discovery of letters between them and because these letters had apparently been brought to the attention of Mrs. Hall. It is considered significant here that all the letters found near the body had been written to Dr. Hall by Mrs. Mills and that none of the letters he is known to have written to the choir leader were found there.

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